

2009 WHIP Prescribed Burning (338) Requirements

Eligible lands: Private agricultural land and tribal lands.

The practice purpose is to reduce grass density and encourage forbs and legumes to regenerate for wildlife food, control unwanted vegetation, and remove thatch.

WHIP Prescribed Burning Practice Requirements:

1. The burned area shall not be grazed by domestic livestock for the term of the contract.
2. Prescribed burns shall be done outside the primary nesting season of April 15 to August 15, and prescribed burns are restricted to the period between December 1 and April 15.
3. No more than one third of the contract acres established to NWSG or natural vegetation may be burned in any given year.
4. Prescribed burns will be carried out according to the Tennessee Division of Forestry guidelines. Landowners are required to obtain a burning permit from the Tennessee Division of Forestry as required, and must follow all other applicable Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), state or local restrictions.
5. Landowners are responsible for obtaining a qualified burn team.
6. A current soil test is required for all permanent herbaceous plantings.
7. Green firebreaks must have a minimum width of 20 feet, not to exceed a maximum of 50 feet.
8. Mowing to reduce old growth of green firebreaks is permissible.
9. Haying of green firebreaks is allowed in the haying season prior to the scheduled burn.
10. See WHIP Strip Disking Requirement Sheet for Disked Firebreak.
11. For other requirements, see FOTG code 338.

Seeding recommendations for a green firebreak are given in the table below:

Permanent Cover		
Species	Amt/ac	Seeding Dates
Red Clover (lb)	5.0	Feb 20 – Apr 1
Ladino Clover (lb)	4.0	Aug 15 – Oct 1
Winter Wheat (Temporary Cover) (lb)	25.0	